

THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

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INQUIRY CONCERNING
A JUDGE, No.00-261
RE: ROBERT H. BONANNO

CASE NUMBER: SC01-2078

**REPLY TO FJQC'S MOTION TO UNSEAL
GRAND JURY TESTIMONY**

COMES NOW the Honorable ROBERT H. BONANNO, by and through his undersigned attorney, and responds to the order entered by the Supreme Court of Florida on October 4, 2001, as follows:

1. The Respondent, ROBERT H. BONANNO, has for long taken the position that transcripts of the testimony of witnesses who appeared before the grand jury in the matter of : *An Investigation Into Judicial Misconduct in Hillsborough County*, should be released.
2. Until May 25, 2001, counsel for Respondent unequivocally advocated for the release of the transcripts and all grand jury evidence about Robert H. Bonanno, before the trial court, the Honorable Susan Schaeffer, presiding. At all times the Honorable Jerry Hill, State Attorney, opposed disclosure. Eventually as a result of the inability to secure permission for the use of the transcripts Respondent Bonanno abandoned his challenge to the grand jury presentment of December 8, 2000.
3. At the hearing of May 25, 2001, counsel for Respondent clearly understood from the trial court that he should go no further on the transcript disclosure issue and has so

governed himself. Given the motion filed here and this Honorable Court's order of October 4, 2001, counsel addresses the issue again.

4. Respondent, ROBERT H. BONANNO, joins in every respect in Petitioner Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission's motion to unseal grand jury testimony.

WHEREFORE the Respondent, ROBERT H. BONANNO, requests this Honorable Court to enter an appropriate order herein.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail delivery to Brook S. Kennerly, Executive Director, Judicial Qualifications Commission, 1110 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303; Lauri Waldman Ross, Esquire, Two Datan Center, Suite 1612, 9130 South Dadeland Blvd., Miami, Florida 33156-7818; and the Honorable Jerry Hill, Drawer SA, P.O. Box 9000, Bartow, Florida 33831-9000, this 11th day of October, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted



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